



**St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church**

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**"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
SUNDAY JULY 22, 2018**

**PARISH OF ST. MARK – OCEAN PARK “OPERATING ACCOUNT “
FINANCIAL STATUS AT JUNE 30, 2018**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET	VARIANCE
TOTAL INCOME	29,526.25	175,212.76	198,523.01	(23,310.25)
TOTAL ESPENSES	32,629.83	196,850.43	198,523.01	(1,672.58)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (3,103.58)	\$ (21,637.67)	\$ --	\$ (21.637.77)

We Need Your Help!!

Please consider PAD Donations to assist with balanced consistent contributions.

Summer time is vacation time – Unfortunately expenses do not take vacations :)

BIBLE READINGS FOR July 29

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

PRAYER CHAIN coordinator is Michael Weller. He can be reached at weller301@shaw.ca or 604.538.9334.

This ministry is a blessing to both those for whom we pray, and those who do the praying!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR – are given today by Irene Snow to the Glory of God and in memory of her beloved husband, Bill.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN is provided this week by Brian and Lynne Brownridge to the Glory of God and in memory of her Mother, Alice Stefan.

LIBRARY NEWS



**Come on in and browse around the new and improved library.
Take a book out, try a DVD, and visit with one of the friendly Librarians.**

Decorations Needed for "Shipwrecked VBS"

Hello, all! We need decorations for "Shipwrecked VBS". We are seeking desert island-themed items, such as stuffed tropical animals, fake tropical flowers, old suitcases, and beach toys. If you would like to loan any items, please place them in the box in the narthex labelled "VBS Decorations". Thank you!

Adult Volunteers Needed for Shipwrecked VBS

All hands on deck! We need volunteers to help before, during, and after Shipwrecked VBS, which takes place from August 20 to 24. There are many fun volunteer positions available, which require varying levels of time commitment. If you are interested, please email Laurie Stephenson (lawren85@telus.net) or Kate Herron (herronkate98@gmail.com) or see them in the Narthex. *Thank ye!*

Prayers are requested for our former Music Director Jenni Driscoll Holmes who has a life-threatening form of cancer. For further information you may contact the website: www.gofundme.com/jenni-holmes-tuning-out-cancer.

PWRDF Update

"Village Health Works" Burundi Where there is help, there is hope

Village Health Works is a non-profit organization based in rural south Burundi. It has operated as a clinic since December 4, 2007. Using a holistic approach, VHW aims to provide quality health care in a dignified environment while addressing the root causes of illness, poverty, violence and neglect.

Health care is not easy to find in a rural setting where there are no roads and no public transportation apart from motorcycles. Health care is also hindered by religious and cultural mindsets which suggest more traditional practices, outside of the formal healthcare system. Village Health Works is part of PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count project which is focusing specifically on maternal, newborn and child health. Burundi has a maternal mortality rate of 712/100,000, neonatal mortality rate of 28.6/1,000 and a child U5 mortality rate of 83/1,000. These are the highest rates in East Africa.



Pregnancy poses the greatest challenge because women have to travel long distances to receive prenatal care or for delivery. VHW is providing ambulance transportation to those mothers, working with a network of 200 volunteer Community Health Workers. Pregnant women benefit from high-level services provided by well-trained physicians, systematic HIV testing and other lab testing, and regular ultrasound check-ups to identify and manage any high risks for maternal or infant death. With the PWRDF support through the AMCC project, VHW is contributing to help mothers smile after giving birth rather than mourn.

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 5 Guest preacher: Rev. Steve Bailey

Mon. Aug. 20 Fri. Aug. 24: 9 am-12 noon Vacation Bible School: "Shipwrecked" with Laurie and Kate.

Sun. Sept. 2 10 am Outdoor chapel service. There will be services at 8 & 10 am in the church.

Sat. Sept. 8 5:30 pm Men's Club Salmon BarBQ

Tue. Oct. 9 6 pm Men's Club: Special presentation on the Israel pilgrimage

Fri. Oct. 12-Sun. Oct. 14: "Prayer Beyond Words" retreat at Camp Elphinstone. Contact Lynne Hurd

Sat. Oct. 13 Special Synod. Synod delegates are to attend.

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 23

9am – Exercise – Hall

Wednesday, July 25

9am – Yoga - Education Centre

10am – Service - Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors Get-Together – Kitchen & Hall & Family Room

Friday, July 27

9am – Exercise – Hall

Saturday, July 28

2pm – Funeral Service – Sanctuary

3pm – Reception – Hall & Kitchen